

It is a maxim of universal application that what one does by his agents, he virtually does himself, and though Satan may have had evil intentions and commensurate his purposes, yet we must not forget that he was one of the beings created by God and did not visit the Garden of Eden without his permission.

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Shapira, the *frivolous* daughter of a tree.

gent Deuteronomy, is said to have threatened suicide. Judas was more prompt. Without indulging in any threats or waiting to be interviewed by the cableman, he went on and hanged himself. Ananias fell down and died and his bowels gushed out. Mr. Shapiro seems to lack directness of purpose, except when there is £1,000,000 in sight.

Kersey Graves, author of "Sixteen Cruel and Saviors," "The Bible of Bibles," "The Biography of Satan," died at his home north of Richmond, Indiana, September 4th. Mr. Graves was devoted to the truths of Spiritism; was an indefatigable worker and was generally esteemed for his many estimable qualities. He leaves behind him a host of warm friends who, while they mourn his loss, now that he is realizing the transcendent grandeur of the spiritual realms.

A dog of the shepherd breed, owned by A. J. Hutchinson of Mansfield, Conn., not only possesses the usual accomplishments common to the educated canine, such as shaking hands, awaiting the signal three to snap the piece of bread, speaking, etc., but he also sings. "Sit up, hold out your paw and sing," says his mistress, and Pedro will pose in the most knowing attitude, and to musical accompaniment will join his voice, varying his song as the tune is high or low, fast or slow, and stop when the instrument ceases.

A larger audience than usual, of earnest seekers for light and truth, was present. Mrs. S. F. DeWitt presided. Opening hymn by the choir, "The Morning Light is Breaking." Mr. DeLos Allen gave a brief address on a number of tests. Judge Holbrook gave us words of wisdom, "God and Prayer," and a beautiful poem, entitled, "Life and Love." Mrs. Harrison made some remarks. Mrs. Wilson-Porter and other mediums gave tests."

The Illinois State Fair to be held on the grounds of the Driving Park, adjoining the World Park on West Madison Street, promises to be an attractive exhibition. The hall and apartments for horses and stock have been enlarged. The premiums, as compared with past years, have been increased in all departments, and leading American stud sires and stocks are already entered for competition. A number of fast horses have entered in the running and trotting races. The various railroad lines reducing fares to one and one-third, or one fare, the Burlington people will run trains between the depot and the grounds, and the Chicago and Northwestern will stop trains in the vicinity of the exhibition.

The trustees of Plymouth Congregational church, San Francisco, Cal., agreed to pay Ward Beecher \$200 for his four lectures in that city. Judging by the thin evidence the probabilities are the trustees engaged him, will lose money. Beecher is a popular there. His former utterances are still the subject of discussion and criticism on the part of the people on the Pacific coast, and a published interview during this visit on the same subject he expressed opinions which will tend to increase his unpopularity. He said: "The treatment the Chinese have received here is shameful and ridiculous. While all the rest of the world is adopting the most liberal and advanced course in the matter of freedom, here is a little strip of western country insisting upon the narrow, selfish policy of exclusion, which policy it has itself long since abandoned."

bert A. Hella, Montana, *Herald* says that
 Survey, in a recent letter gives an
 phenomenon which he lately witnessed
 range southwest of Montana. Mr.
 says: "Suddenly, as I stood look-
 the vast expanse beneath, I saw myself
 confronted by a monster figure of a man
 before me upon the top of
 a clearly defined mountain. The figure
 but the thin air of the valley below
 placed place. The figure was only a
 distance from me. Around it were two cir-
 of rain-bow light and color, the other
 faintly defined as compared with the in-
 tending to be bright and clear and dis-
 tinctly iridescent."
 there was a beautiful halo of light, and
 figure itself shot rays of color normal to
 body. The sight startled me more than I
 now tell. I threw up my hands in astonish-
 ment and perhaps some little fear, and at this
 time I was unable to move toward
 in a few minutes I began to move toward
 I then, after the figure had faded away, I
 recognized the fact that I had enjoyed one of
 most wonderful phenomena of Nature,
 then I have seen it once or twice from
 Davis Peak, but it never created such an
 as this. I am sure that that evening
 I was doing service as a helicopter for
 the top of Arc Dome."

European statisticians are gradually refining their estimates of the population of China. It used to be put at over 400,000,000, and was reduced to 350,000,000. The Chinese Government reduces their estimate for China and Corea from 434,500,000 to 375,500,000. Pictorius reduces his estimate by 75,000, making the present total 350,000,000. Dr. von Mevius, a missionary, believes this can safely be reduced another 50,000,000. Mr. Hippisley, a Commissioner of Customs, thinks 350,000,000 more nearly correct than 350,000,000. Losses by the Taiping and Mohammedan rebellions, and by the famine and pestilence which swept the Provinces of Chihli, Shantung, Szechuan, Shensi, and Honan are variously estimated from 61,000,000 to 82,000,000.

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The region around Elkhorn Grove, Iowa, is the Polk county murderers, Crawford Hardy, were captured, and where one of them was shot is settled principally by Catholics. It is claimed that the ghosts of the murderers play pranks there nightly. Two robbers were walking by night recently near Elkhorn. They cut short their stroll to hasten to the homes of their neighbors and pretend that the ghosts of Crawford and Hardy appeared to them. The neighbors turned out and all of them now profess to have seen the ghosts plainly and unmistakably. It is said that some of the settlers are so troubled

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